

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1116

By Cooper

A RESOLUTION to recognize Shun C. Abram, Fourth Annual Living Legend Awards honoree.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should specially recognize those estimable individuals who have dedicated their time and energies toward enhancing the quality of life in their communities; and

WHEREAS, one such individual is Shun C. Abram, who is being honored at the Fourth Annual Living Legend Awards in recognition of the leadership and service he has provided to the people of Shelby County; and

WHEREAS, baptized at seven years of age and reborn at the age of twenty-one, Shun Abram is a dedicated disciple of Christ; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Abram was born and raised in Mississippi; he graduated from Southaven High School in 1998 and completed a bachelor's degree in professional studies with a concentration in business and religion administration at the University of Memphis in 2005; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from the University of Memphis, Mr. Abram went to work for Youth Villages, a nonprofit organization that helps children, young people, and families live successfully; it was during his time at Youth Villages when he realized the importance of strengthening his understanding of scripture; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Abram attended Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary in Summer 2006; during his first year of study, he worked for FedEx Ground, and in Summer 2007, he made the difficult decision to end his employment and pursue full-time ministry; and

WHEREAS, he served as an intern at Germantown Baptist Church from June 2007 to June 2008 when he began his service with Binghampton Community Church, which he presently serves as church multiplication team member and pastor; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Abram obtained a Master of Divinity degree from Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary in 2011; and

WHEREAS, throughout his years of ministry, he has led or participated in a host of foreign and domestic mission trips; served as Mission 901 and City Reach coordinator; and taught Biblical Foundations for Ethics, Old Testament, and New Testament courses; and

WHEREAS, he is most grateful for the love and support of his wife of more than seventeen years, Mary, and his four children, Mikayla, Isaac, Grace, and David; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Shun Abram has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity; his commitment to excellence and community service is representative of the Volunteer State, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we congratulate Shun C. Abram upon his recognition at the Fourth Annual Living Legend Awards, applaud his outstanding community leadership, salute his professional expertise and personal excellence, and extend our best wishes for continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.